

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket, comprising:

a garment member; and  
a personal flotation device attached to the garment member;  
wherein said personal flotation device comprises an inflatable collar associated with the garment member.

2. (Amended) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 3 wherein said garment member is body armor.

3. (Amended) A garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket, comprising:

a garment member; and  
a personal flotation device attached to the garment member;  
wherein said personal flotation device comprises:  
a first bladder;  
a second bladder associated with said first bladder;  
a first mobile buoyant assembly associated with said first bladder;

a second mobile buoyant assembly associated with said second bladder; and

means for inflating said first bladder and said second bladder.

4. (Amended) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 3 wherein said first mobile buoyant assembly is in communication with said first bladder through a flexible tube.


5. (Amended) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 3 wherein said means for inflating comprises:

a compressed gas cylinder; and  
a detonator in communication with said compressed gas

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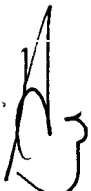
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Please add the following new claims:

--6. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 3 wherein said first mobile buoyant assembly including a third bladder and said second mobile buoyant assembly including a fourth bladder.

7. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 6 further including at least one cover member for stowing said first bladder, said second bladder, said third bladder and said fourth bladder in their deflated states.

 8. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 6 wherein said means for inflating also inflating said third bladder and said fourth bladder.

9. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 3 wherein said first bladder is attached to the garment member.

10. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 3 wherein said first bladder is attached to the garment member and said second bladder is attached to the garment member.

11. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 3 wherein said first bladder is attached to said second bladder.

12. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 3 wherein said first bladder is removably attached to the garment member.

13. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 1 wherein said inflatable collar comprises:

a collar bladder; and

means for inflating the collar bladder.

14. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 13 wherein said means for inflating comprises:

a compressed gas cylinder; and

a detonator in communication with said compressed gas cylinder.

15. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 1 wherein said inflatable collar having a first end and a second end; wherein when inflating the collar a bottom surface portion of the second end rides along a top surface portion of the first end until the collar is properly positioned for a neck size of a user.

16. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 15 further including means for retaining the position of the second end with respect to the first end.

17. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 16 wherein said means for retaining is a hook and loop assembly associated with the first end and the second end.

18. (New) A garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket, comprising:

a garment member;

a first bladder associated with the garment member;

a second bladder associated with said first bladder;

a third bladder associated with said first bladder;

a fourth bladder associated with said second bladder; and

means for inflating said first bladder, said second bladder, said third bladder and said fourth bladder.

19. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal flotation device or life jacket of claim 18 further comprising an inflatable collar associated with the garment member.

20. (New) The garment integrated multi-chambered personal